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Rabbi Martin Freedman
American Jewish Congress
24 Commerce Street
Newark, N.J. 07102

Dear Rabbi Freedman:

I thank you for the invitation to the next meeting of the newly-formed New Jersey Council on Social Issues. I do accept and will make every effort to attend.

The telephoned message inviting me to the December 4th meeting went astray during the closing of Regional Plan Association's office in Newark and, most regrettably, reached me too late for attendance. I regret this especially because of the unfortunate reference to the Majority Response Rally in the minutes of that meeting. I am sure that the reference to this effort as an example of "an ineffective demonstration" would not have appeared in the minutes, at least not without challenge, had I been present.

This unfortunate reference has spurred me to prepare a long overdue report and evaluation of the Majority Response Rally. As soon as copies are available I will seek to distribute them to those who attended the meeting of December 4th. The cooperation of the Council on Social Issues in such distribution would be appreciated.

My interest in pursuing this matter is less for the historical record, or my own personal relationship to this event as its Coordinator, and more for the lessons for future social action which it represents. The newly-formed Council would do itself a disservice if it were to reject a strategy because of a false appraisal of a similar course taken previously, especially when it involves an action that brought together a unique coalition of great civic power that influenced legislative appropriations for urban aid of some \$45 million and bonds for capital needs of some \$100 million.

Sincerely,

Ernest Erber